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State disciplines health care providers

OLYMPIA -- The Washington State Department of Health has taken disciplinary actions or withdrawn charges against health care providers in our state.

The department's Health Systems Quality Assurance Division works with boards, commissions, and advisory committees to set licensing standards for more than 80 health care professions (e.g., medical doctors, nurses, counselors).

Information about health care providers is on the agency website. Click on "[Look up a healthcare provider license](#)" in the "How Do I?" section of the [Department of Health website](#) (doh.wa.gov). The site includes information about a health care provider's license status, the expiration and renewal date of their credential, disciplinary actions and copies of legal documents issued after July 1998. This information is also available by calling 360-236-4700. Consumers who think a health care provider acted unprofessionally are encouraged to call and report their complaint.

Clallam County

In December 2014 the Dental Commission charged dentist **Runar Dean Johnson** (DE00003577) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly admitted representing himself as a naturopath for treatment of dental-oriented conditions. Johnson isn't licensed in Washington as a naturopathic physician. Allegations say that he performed activities such as conducting urine tests for mercury toxicity, carrying out "ozone therapy" for muscles as well as for sinus and ear infections, doing neck injections, and injecting patients with holistic medications. Charges also state that Johnson didn't keep adequate records or follow required infection control procedures.

Clark County

In November 2014 the Sex Offender Treatment Provider Program entered an agreement with sex offender treatment provider **Christopher K. Johnson** (FC00000075) that requires him to comply with terms and conditions previously placed on his psychologist license.

King County

In November 2014 the Massage Program charged massage practitioner **Johnny L. McCree** (MA00023397) with unprofessional conduct. Allegations say he improperly touched and kissed a client, and sent her an email even though she hadn't given him her email address. Charges also

state that McCree didn't comply with a Department of Health investigator's request to provide an explanation.

In December 2014 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Betty J. Cabe** (RN00162534) with unprofessional conduct. Allegations say that she gave Botox injections to 20 patients who hadn't been assessed by a physician or other authorized health care provider. Without their knowledge, she allegedly used authorized providers' prescriptive authority to order legend drugs including Botox.

Kitsap County

In December 2014 the Nursing Assistant Program charged registered nursing assistant **Annette Christine Gross** (NA00048531) with unprofessional conduct. Charges say the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) found that Gross, who provided residential services to vulnerable adults, exploited clients for \$3,568.15. DSHS will not allow Gross to be employed in caring for or having unsupervised access to vulnerable adults.

Lewis County

In December 2014 the Nursing Commission entered an agreement with registered nurse and advanced registered nurse practitioner **Quahlee D. Lassila** (RN00135084, AP30005437) that places her credentials on probation for at least two years. Lassila must complete an ethics course and pay a \$2,500 fine. She may not evaluate or treat patients seeking medical marijuana authorizations, or issue medical marijuana authorizations. Lassila didn't meet the standard of care in issuing medical marijuana authorizations. She didn't take adequate patient histories, didn't conduct appropriate exams, issued authorizations to patients who didn't have qualifying conditions, and didn't inform patients of other treatment options.

Mason County

In November 2014 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program ended conditions on the credential of chemical dependency professional trainee **Grant M. Butler** (CO60214074).

Okanogan County

In October 2014 the Home Care Aide Program denied a home care aide credential to **Rose Marie Ferguson** (HM60439018). She was convicted of one felony and 16 gross misdemeanors between 2002 and 2011.

Pierce County

In November 2014 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program ended conditions on the credential of chemical dependency professional trainee **Nicole Annette Kaley** (CO60388219).

In November 2014 the Nursing Assistant Program charged registered nursing assistant **Kareema Mariah Wright** (NA60373204) with unprofessional conduct. Charges say Wright provided in-

home care for vulnerable adults where she took and attempted to cash a patient's personal check, resulting in criminal charges of forgery, second-degree identity theft and second-degree attempted theft. Allegations also say a warrant for Wright's arrest was issued after she didn't appear for her trial on the criminal charges.

Snohomish County

In December 2014 the Naturopathy Board charged naturopathic physician **Katherine R. Dahlgren** (NT00001623) with unprofessional conduct. Charges say Dahlgren and a patient exchanged dozens of inappropriate emails, containing phrases such as "I miss your hugs," "I have much more fun ways to torture you" and "Thank you for comforting me yesterday." One email allegedly included an image of Dahlgren in a bathing suit, and referenced changing seat assignments that were purchased for a plane trip. Dahlgren allegedly signed the majority of the emails with "Love."

In December 2014 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Karen E. Trolson** (RN00071552) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly tested positive for morphine while under terms of a substance abuse monitoring contract and didn't have a valid prescription.

In November 2014 the Denturists Board entered an agreement with dentist **Herman Castaneda** (DN60034322) that placed his credential on probation for at least two years. Castaneda must pay a \$7,000 fine, refund \$4,215 to a patient, and complete continuing education in ethics. He didn't meet the standard of care for billing and record-keeping, and at least one patient's signature was forged. Castaneda also didn't meet the standard of care by failing to get informed consent from the patient about treatment options.

Spokane County

In November 2014 the Nursing Commission entered an agreement with registered nurse **Jeannine Alyse Sauer** (RN00173631) that ends her suspension and places her credential on probation for at least one year. Sauer's license was suspended in October 2014 after her Louisiana license was suspended in connection with discrepancies involving narcotic medication.

In November 2014 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program modified an agreement with chemical dependency professional trainee **Brett Daniel Willcockson** (CO60455856), removing a reference requiring him to undergo an evaluation for a substance abuse monitoring program. His credential has been placed on probation for at least three years.

In October 2014 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program entered an agreement with chemical dependency professional **Amanda C. Seybert** (CP00006049) that reprimands her for making false statements to the program. Her credential has been placed on probation for at least two years and fines her \$2,000. Seybert didn't comply with a 2012 agreement, didn't inform her supervisor that she was on probation, and lied to the program about her employment status.

Thurston County

In November 2014 the Nursing Assistant Program charged registered nursing assistant **Nicholas Allen Thomas** (NA60247133) with unprofessional conduct. Charges say Thomas worked for an in-home care agency where he allegedly deposited only \$100 of a client's \$132 check, stealing \$32.

In December 2014 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurses **Robin Mikealson-Sparrow** (RN00156458) and **Christina Sanchez** (RN60220734) with unprofessional conduct. Charges say both worked at the same hospital chemical dependency center that treated a patient for alcohol detoxification. During different shifts on the same day, both allegedly documented a low blood pressure reading for the patient, but didn't notify the patient's primary care provider or reassess the patient as required.

Whatcom County

In November 2014 the Dental Commission charged dentist **Faith R. Bult** (DE00009293) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly practiced beyond the scope of her dental license by injecting Botox cosmetic facial treatments into patients, kept incomplete records, and failed to cooperate with a Department of Health investigator's request to provide patient records.

Out of State

Oregon: In November 2014 the Pharmacy Commission ended probation for pharmacy intern **Kaylie Gabriela LaPointe** (IR60288702).

Oregon: In October 2014 the Pharmacy Commission ended conditions on the credential of pharmacist **Eric A. Holt** (PH00011532).

Pennsylvania: In November 2014 the Medical Commission charged physician **James McGuckin** (MD00047625) with unprofessional conduct. Charges say McGuckin put patients' safety at risk when he performed experimental procedures on multiple sclerosis patients, and used methods to treat vascular diseases on patients with an autoimmune disease. McGuckin allegedly didn't follow protocol, didn't get a federal exemption for experimental treatment, and misrepresented his findings in patients' charts. Charges further say he didn't meet the standard of care in treating the patients.

Note to Editors: Health care providers charged with unprofessional conduct have 20 days to respond to the Department of Health in writing. The case then enters the settlement process. If no disciplinary agreement can be reached, the case will go to a hearing.

The [Department of Health website](http://www.doh.wa.gov) (www.doh.wa.gov) is your source for *a healthy dose of information*. Also, [find us on Facebook](#) and [follow us on Twitter](#).